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MAKING IT UNANIMOUS.

Every national bank in Chicago, it is announced, definitely decided to enter the new Federal reve system. At the same time a number of the ate banks have reached like decision, while most the others have referred the matter to their boards directors. Indications are that every institution of enificance in Chicago, National or State, will very ortly be inside the fold.

There seems to be nothing remaining save for me banker to rise and move to make it unanimous. ainly, it is going to be substantially that.

The new Federal reserve system, thus backed id thus affiliated, will be the most powerful govnment bank in the world

It doesn't call itself the Bank of the United ates, but that is what it really is, and no other govment bank, in any other country, can even comare in resources, power or capital to the new Amerian institution which is now assured of building up on the foundation laid by the new currency act.

WHY BIRMINGHAM GROWS.

There are the best of reasons for the continued rowth of Birmingham, the wonder city of the cenpopulation increased from 38,000 1900 to 132,000 in 1910, a matter of 245 The production of pig iron in Alabama, of hich industry Birmingham is the center, was a recrd breaker last year, amounting to more than 2,000, 00 tons, an increase of 200,000 tons over 1912, notithstanding the fact that dullness in the pig iron arket prevailed during a large part of the year. A 500,000 tons.

But Birmingham is far from satisfied with this, nd is going in for converting the iron into steel home, so that the people will realize the maxium from the store of wealth that nature has deosited within the State in the form of ore. The Age-Herald believes that the time will soon come ten there will be little merchant iron for shipment outside the State. With so much coal at hand, here is no reason why this prediction should not beome a reality, nor why Birmingham should not show forth new wonders to dazzle the census-takers.

ROCKEFELLER AS AN ALTRUIST.

John D. Rockefeller, interviewed in Cleveland, ave the advice that "we should occupy our minds no relish, or very little, in the oil business. That jurisdictions. the business is rather unattractive under certain conditions seems the more likely when we reflect that a large proportion of his competitors got out of it a ong time before he thought of letting up either on he was running a melon farm, too, and he must have stuck at it pretty faithfully, for the melons cut fact that such a committee is contemplated is regardby the Standard Oil directors under his management were juicier even than the best that can be raised by following the directions of the Agricultural

At any rate, a man who goes directly against Mr. Rockefeller's present advice as tong as he did and with the same conspicuous advantage to himself, or even a modest fraction of it, can afford to cally-governed world? be an altruist. In fact, he can afford almost any-

JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS.

Williams to have his nomination for Comptroller of the Currency vigorously opposed. Mr. Williams has since he has been in business or in politics, and he live issue. has had the success that seems to like to attach itself to the cause of a real fighter.

Williams should be opposed on the ground of his affiliation with big finance, when in fact the most its duties seriously. It was not appointed for the puraffiliation with big finance, when in fact the most its duties seriously. It was not appointed for the purdon, is in danger of splitting, the day Island, Australia, indicate that the casual inquiry would convince anybody that he has been a life-long opponent of the powers of big finance, and one of the last of the provincial finanbeen a life-long opponent of the powers of big ciers strong enough to maintain independence of lation committee. "Wall Street." He is charged with being the associate of Thomas F. Ryan, when in truth he has fought Ryan longer and harder and more successfully than perhaps any other man.

Mr. Williams is the maker of one of the impor-Air Line. But that is not all. After he had made ed that the decision will be in favor of the Capital. that system, and made it successful, he conducted Every other great national banking system has its of the Seaboard. No man had to fight longer or system.

harder for his right to independent financial existence, and none fought more successfully.

Now he is accused, in some circles where the THISHED EVERY EVENING (INCLUDING SUNDAYS) facts ought to be better understood, of being the ally and agent of the very forces he has all these years

> The fact is that the opposition to Mr. Williams comes from the very forces with which he is accused of being allied. In due time this will be made perfectly clear, and when it is, the opposition will collapse and he will be confirmed as Comptroller with little opposition, probably with little delay.

"DETAILED MISINFORMATION."

Congressman Cooper of Wisconsin, one of the veterans of Congressional service and one of the most able and fair-minded men in either house, contributed a worth-while characterization when he referred to the "vast amount of detailed misinformation" about District affairs that is afloat in Congress.

That is in fact the chief difficulty, and has been the chief difficulty ever since Ben Johnson was made chairman of the District Committee. Mr. Johnson's capacity for seeing things that aren't there, for distorted vision of things that are there, for misconstruction and misconception of the relations of things, is a positive genius. As a member of long service, he was made chairman of the District Committee at a time when a very large number of new and uninformed members were coming into the House, and when a very large proportion of those with real information were going out. Naturally, the new members assumed that the new chairman had attained that position because he had some special qualifications for it. When he launched his crusade against pretty nearly everything of local concern, it was not remarkable that some attention should be com-

Fortunately, as time has passed the newer members have worn off their newness, and accumulated eal information about the affairs of Washington. Chairman Johnson is not taken so seriously as he was, and the dissemination of "detailed misinformation" is not doing so much harm as was threatened at one period.

Mr. Cooper has introduced now a resolution for an investigation of the fiscal relations between the Federal and the local governments, which ought to pass for two reasons. One is that the information would ew years ago, remarks the Age-Herald, Alabama's be useful. The other is that it would be information, on output was considered large when it reached not misinformation. It would be gathered by people with a desire for facts, not false alarms.

> It is very important that Johnson and his methods be excluded just as much as possible. Mr. Cooper asks a commission of two Senators, two Congressmen, and five others, of whom at least two should be Washingtonians, to make up his commission. It would be non-partisan, or rather bi-partisan, the membership including two Republicans and two Dem-

> That sort of a commission would be competent and it would blanket the activities of Johnson. The District has ceased to hope for anything like a fair deal in any activities that Johnson dominates. His vision is too distorted and his prejudices have been too thoroughly aroused.

The Cooper resolution offers a feasible way out of present embarrassments. It may be assumed that an effort will be made to get any such investigation ith other things than business, for the other things into the control of the Johnsonians, and the House those which give a keen relish to life." One leadership will do well to defeat that effort. If night judge from this that Mr. Rockefeller, before Johnson can't be deposed, the next best thing is he applied his own admonition to himself, found to restrict as much as possible his activities and

A WOMAN SUFFRAGE COMMITTEE.

The House Committee on Rules, as it is undernimself or them. During a good part of this time stood, is going to recommend the creation of a new committee in the House on woman suffrage. The ed by some people as a tremendous concession to the political equality movement.

Possibly; but not at all manifestly. Why should there be any question about creating a committee on woman suffrage? Is there a bigger or more urgen question before the country at this time? Is there a bigger or more insistent one before the democrati-

The mere incident of establishing a committee on this subject is in fact a mighty small concession to an issue which has proved so big and pressing. So long as the House organization is composed in large It will not be a new sensation to John Skelton part of committees that rarely meet, that have no business to transact, that exist merely for the purpose of providing dignity and patronage to chairmen, there will be no occasion for excitement over the creation workers union in South Africa has the natural stomach. been fighting for about everything he has got ever of a new committee to have jurisdiction over a real

The Senate has provided a committee on this subject; not necessarily because the Senate favors woman suffrage, but because woman suffrage is a real It is one of the strange things of politics that Mr. an suffrage, but because woman suffrage is a real issue. The Senate committee has taken itself and The international conference on

A RESERVE BANK HERE.

The reasons why one of the regional reserve banks should be located in Washington are so comtant railway systems of the country, the Seaboard pelling and so conclusive that it is hardly to be doubt-

an important railroad left in the country that was not operated from Wall Street, when Blackstone had lost the Alton, when Stuyesant Fish had been forced out of the Illinois Central, when Dave Moffatt, of Denver, and Arthur Stilwell, of Kansas City, and A. Stickney, of St. Paul, had, one by one, been driven out of control of the railroad properties they had recated and Wall Street had squeezed its way in, loin Skelton Williams was still surviving, in control of the Seaboard. No man had to Soft to memory of the Seaboard. No man had to Soft to memory of the Seaboard. No man had to Soft to memory of the seaboard. No man had to Soft to memory of the seaboard. No man had to Soft to memory of the seaboard. No man had to Soft to memory of the seaboard. No man had to Soft to memory of the seaboard. No man had to Soft to memory of the seaboard. No man had to Soft to memory of the seaboard. No man had to Soft to memory of the seaboard. No man had to Soft to memory of the seaboard. No man had to Soft to memory of the seaboard. No man had to Soft to memory of the seaboard. No man had to Soft to memory of the seaboard. No man had to Soft to memory of the seaboard. No man had to Soft to memory of the seaboard. No man had to Soft to memory of the seaboard. No man had to Soft to memory of the seaboard. No man had to Soft to memory of the man to the top the seaboard to memory of the man to the top the seaboard to memory of the memory of the seaboard. No man had to Soft to memory of the seaboard. No man had to Soft to memory of the seaboard. No man had to Soft to memory of the seaboard to the seaboard to memory of the se a long and sturdy fight to keep it out of the control headquarters at the national capital. In the case of John Skelton Williams was still surviving, in control in order to maintain proper touch with the whole of the Seaboard. No man had to fight longer or system.

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Times Tiny Travelettes

SCENES IN LONDON-No. 6.



ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

C T. PAUL'S is the largest and most magnificent of all Protestant churches, and was completed in 1710. Planned by Sir Christopher Wren, perhaps the best known of English architects, it is the burial place of many heroes and men of distinction, including Nelson, Wellington, Reynolds, Barry, Sir Christopher Wren himself,

Abstract Studies Are Discarded Applied Learning New System

By RALPH A. COLLINS.

Things are undergoing metamorphosis in the "old red school house." The rod and the restraints of other days are passing-in Rock Hill, S. C., at least, In this nitle Tarbeel town a new idea in rural educational work has been started by Mrs. Hetty Browne. There at least, the farmer lads are free of the irksome restraint of long hours under the rod and rigid discipline.

Boys and girls go to the Rock Hill school on willing, tripping feet, They are interested and enjoy their work. No more do they lag in the fields and look upon the building as a prison and a barrier to their hopes. This condition is due largely to a few commonsense ideas in rural education, worked out by Mrs. Browne.

Complete freedom from restraint is the lot of all those who attend the experimental school at Winthrop College, Rock Hill. There are no seats or desks in this school; no class rooms; no rule of stience, but a free activity guided and directed by a woman who is in complete sympathy with country children and

IRKSOME WORK IS LACKING IN SCHOOL.

All the awesome and itksome features of ordinary school disclipline are lacking, and, instead of study under a tiring grind, the pupils of this school absorb knowledge through doing interesting work, in a manner that gives opportunity for development and individuality. They are not cogs in a knowledge machine that must turn whether no, and that must turn out so many pieces, cut according to a die stamp. All of this is done away Things are not done by the abstract, but put upon a basis reality in familiar surroundings that lead to individual assurance. More attention is given to useful pursuits, mechanical or ind less to the so-called higher

silence rules, and in many other respects, observers have noted resemblance in the Rock Hill School to the widely known Montessori schools, but Mrs. Browne began her work several years ago, quite inde-pendently of the theories of Mme-Montessori.

Furthermore, the Rock Hill School makes no claim to a deliberate scientific basis; it is essentially an "experimental" school, where it is hoped to demonstrate that it is the kind of a school best adapted to rural life. The school and its aim are described in a bulletin of the Bureau of Education by Mrs. Browne.

The school building is a farm house, with rooms fitted up as "sitting room," kitchen, and workshop. A large veranda surrounding the house is used for the mid-day meal, which is served by the pupils at the school, and for other nurposes. There is plenty of ground about the school, including space for a large garden.

The garden is the center shoul. garden is the center about

sons, the garden remains the center of the children's interest and activof the children's interest and activ-ity. Arithmetic and spelling are not taught as subjects, but only as the need for them arises in connection with the activities of home and gar-den. Laying out the garden involves arithmetic and even geometry, both of which are absorbed by the children without effort. The making of towels for use at the school naturally. ally develops new words having to with sewing and many other

TEACHING IS GIVEN

ONLY WHEN NEEDED. Words and numbers are given the children only as the need for them develops, and then with as little formality as possible. The whole idea is for the children to find out things, if possible, without being told. The children in this reral school

are not assigned to "classes" and "periods," as in the traditional school. A visitor will see one group working in the garden, another group on the veranda sewing, another in the kitchen at a cooking task and still another loing "numbers" or reading with the teacher in her The aim of the Rock Hill school is

thus summarized by Dr. A P. Bour-land: "The resolve was to make a school that will train the farm child-ren for their future work in the home, on the farm, and in the s cial life around them. Hence chai hie around them. Hence we be-gan frankly with the activities of the farm. The aim was not a cut-and-dried plan, but rather a work-ing idea to enable the teacher to create a growing agency for the development of farm life."

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resulted in a general strike by all | labor organizations there. Industries of all kinds have been suspended artist, and Miss Charlotte Herman, of in Cape Town, Johannesburg, and |

safety of life at sea, sitting at Londer the proposed convention shall be arbitrated between the parties in dis-pute. The American delegation un-qualifiedly opposed the proposal, on the ground that it is contrary to the of the Norwegian embassy at Mexico policy of the United States to allow any foreign nation to arbitrate the right of the courts of execute the laws of that nation.

Francis Bowes Sayre and his wife, formerly Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson. Brookland Citizens were received by Preside the Palace of the Elysee.

Ferdinand Pinney Earle, the American

Rutherford, N. J., are held in Chris-

New York), who is there of pneumonia, is improving.

History was made in Christiania, Norway, yesterday, when Misa Henrietta Hoegh was appointed first secretary America to mat ever appointed. Miss Hoegh will have the right to wear all the usual On the last day of their stay in Paris, braided trousers.

In Closer Relations

The Silver Lining

General Villa shot three privates for drinking. He shot them completely. It seems that Huerta prefers his soldiers to be only half shot.

Commissioner Siddons refused to talk for four days. That is too long to expect even a Commissioner to talk.

The Department of Agriculture learns that the barn owl is a deadly enemy of the pocket gopher. A biological survey expert is authority for this statement lood. Buf can you buy a barn owl to fit the vest pocket?

Farmers are going to build a depot in Kansas and supply food direct to the consumer. There's one food that a consumer can't even supply direct to himself. That's a dish of sphagetti. Sphagetti is the most indirect food on

he market (and the consumer's vest) that we know of. With the possible exception of

The German druggist who gave seven ersons poison aboutd insist on getting wholesale rates from the jury.

streamers to noodle some

Paris society is going to hold a more ster bazaar to ald indigent teachers of the Argentine tango. We have heard the tango called some pretty barsh names, but "monster" bazanr is the

New York judge says that unmarried men can tell all the lies they want to, In the meantime married men will go right on telling all the lies they have to

If New York police follow out Mayor Mitchel's instructions to club the gunmen, the cops will lose a whole lot of

See by the papers that Queen Mary took her umbrella into an art gallery. The most important item was omitted. Did Queen Mary still have the umbrell when she came out?

Another great trunk mystery has been solved by the police. This cold enap will start a whole lot more trunk mysteries However, the woolen socks are generally about sixteen layers beneath last sum-

The reason they call it a cold snap ecause that's the way people act.

THE OLDEST INHAB SEZ-"I kin remem-

ber some winters when th' icicles uster reach all th' way fr'm th' White House clear down Pennt' th' Senate. An' back agin."

ner's tennis fiannels.



THE MAIL BAG

o the Editor of THE TIMES: Several days ago a number of newspapers in New York city and numerous

country papers published a conversation which took place between the Secretary of Agriculture and myself, in to the destruct the purpose of maintaining prices in New York city and vicinity. This conversation was the result of the application of the Secretary of Agriculture, through his subordinates, for an appropriation of money made to the Committee on Agriculture, of which 1

am a member, to enable the Government, among other things, to educate the American people to consume larger quantities of fish, with the idea of reducing the cost of living. The subordinate making the request informed us that there were great quantities of fish in the ocean and its tributaries, which could be made available to the public at little cost.

I had in mind, at the time, that blue-

fieli, for example, cost ', e consumer from 18 cents to 30 cents per pound. and the cheapest fish you can buy is about 12 cents per pound, and if fish is give these tuneful ditties to the public, so abundant something must be wrong I naturally called the attention of the Secretary of Agriculture to the fact that I had been frequently informed that a Fish trust existed in New York city, that controlled the entire market. dictated the prices and purchased fish only from certain fishermen, and that in order to keep up the price of fish. New Song Claimed By large quantities were frequently destroyed. If you consult your fish man Right of Discovery. he will confirm this. I have heard fishermen say that they frequently catch large quantities of fish, and, although the prices were high in New York city, they are unable to dispose of their catch; that great quantities of blue and other fish are sold at Block Island, along the New Jersey const and at Norfolk, Va., for 2 cents per pound and in bulk for fertilizer. Numerous complaints have been made to be to the effect that the men catching moss bunkers in Long Island sound, catch large quantities of eatable 1'sh, which are practically all disposed of for fertilizer Therefore, they took it, much as Colum-

observations, particularly when he asks bus took this continent when he disfor money to instruct the American sume it without instructions.

How ridiculous it is for the Government to spend millions of dollars in dollars in year of their partnership. educating the farmer how to raise his crops, cattle, hogs, chickens, etc., but makes no effort whateves to provide him with a market, but permits practically all of his products to be con-trolled by different combines. In the apple belt large rold storage time that Ziegfeld was rehearsing

plants have been installed. The ownerd of these plants purchase the apples direct from the farmer at a low price, put them in cold storage, and consequently control the entire output.

The farmer receives less than 40 cents to bushel for his orions, still the consequence pays from \$\frac{1}{2}\$ to \$\frac{1}{2}\$ per barrel for botatoes and about \$\frac{1}{2}\$ per barrel for our dressing room and told as that he came to consequence. outations and about \$3 per barrel for our dressing room and told us that he per barrel for our dressing room and told us that he per barrel for was under contract with Ziegfeld to

The Hard First Round

Millionaire Athlete and Society Man.

The first round of a fight is always the hardest round. Our body is like an engine. It takes time to get up steam. Just as tife heavy flywheels and massive moving parts of a great machine gain speed only slowly, our heart and lungs respond slowly to the orders from the brain for quick and strenuous action. Effort performed before the heart and lungs are moving at a pace rapid enough to supply us with blood and oxygen enough to keep pace with our exertion is done on "nerve," as the graphic slang expression puts it. It requires great mental effort and is accompanied by a painful feeling of physical and organic strain.

As the organs gather speed and catch up with the demands of the brain, there seems to come a readjustment. Our breath comes in long, easy inhalations, instead of short, strained gasps. A greatly increased blood supply circulates through our muscles, lending a

come from?

A. J. DREXEL BIDDLE warm, pleasing glow of conscious' power to our movements, and our nerves of sight and action coordinate better, improving what we call our judgment of time and distance. When the warming up process is finished we get our "second wind." Then we move freely and actions which would have been impossible a few minutes before seem easy and natural. After that we may be badly punished or suffer severe exhaustion, but we do not

again experience the first keen agony of the early minutes. The same principle applies in a moral sense. It is the sinner's first step toward reform that causes him most pain and trouble. All the momentum of previous moral habit forces him the other way. He must overcome this and get himself started right before he can experience a moment's ease or relief from the sharpest pain.

A thousand adversaries assail him, and he is not morally warmed up" and in condition to give them battle. If he perseveres in the way he has chosen, however, he soon comes to scorn the temptations which at first seemed to attract him irresistibly, and treads in safety the maze of danger and difficulty which surround his feet. At length, prolonged habit makes the narrow way, which at first seemed so difficult, the natural and only way to him. He would not forsake it, for in it only he then finds happiness. Copyright, 1914, by F. A. Walker

Tomorrow's article, "Guarding Against the Trick Punch."

Finding New Songs Is a Problem for Nerves

and novels are glad

bility of being turn

ed into a rhyme that, may be set to music, is eagerly seized by him, and in a jiffy that situation finds itself entire-

sufrounded by little black dots with

iong tails, or no tails at all, which means that the idea has been captured and set between two lines of music.

are as hard put to it for comic songs as the authors themselves. Davis Montkomery of Montgomery and Stone

who is appearing with Eisie Janis this

For nineteen years Mr. Montgomery

ias been getting songs for himself and

the way from those with the molasses

rag, and what is even later than that-

pictures. The song, "Them Was Our

came to them quite by accident, and

they claim the right of discovery.

incidentally, it is very much like

sentimental ditty with a dance at the

end of it, that Montgomery and Stone

put or with a minstrel show the first

Mr. Montgomery told me last night

the Slipper' in Philadelphia at the same

We were rehearsing "The

covered It.

candy sentiment, down to the modern

By JULIA MURDOCK.

HERE do all the comic songs check afterwards, of course, because he threstened to have me firested if 1 What inspired genius thinks didn't Then, of course, I recognized of the titles that shall carry to him to him oppularity or oblivion? them to popularity or oblivion?

The gentlemen and ladies who purvey English have said that Vincent ought to be arrested for having written the song, and that I ought to be shot at sunlise for singing it. Anyhow, it made day papers are a hit, which is the main thing, inassometimes hard put thuch as 29 per cent

do not.
"Here is one of our typical songs for to it for material. the popular writers those who care to analyze it, and for short stories just what comic songs are made of:

BAGDAD.

to stumble over Bagdad is a town in Turkey.
On a camel tall and jerky,
You can journey there and see
Just how great it used to be.
Minarets and temples gaudy,
Rugs and carpets real and should
Gay buzaars that make you say.
Dreaming of a bygotic day. any new situation wherever they can find one. The same is true of a song writer. Anything Miss Elsie Janis. that happens to some his way, if it contains even the most remote possi-REFRAIN:

Life was fulr and fine in English, Land of languorous delights.
Ch. those dancing girls—
And entrancing girls—
Oh, those pink Arablan nights—Ah,
Girlies gay in silken trousers,
Suffragettes? No—No— But the women of the harem Knew exactly how to wear 'c in Oriental Bagdad long ago. Suffragettes? No-No-On what one might cost New Yorkers You could dress a hundred cor In Oriental Hagdad long ago.

cond Encore: (If I'm fucky enough to Suffragettes? No-No-Like the girls at local Rector's All wore diamond chest protect In Oriental Bagdad long ago.

The Fool.

who is appearing with Eiste Janis this week in Washington with "The Lady of the Slipper." in the National Theater, says that "to get a good song, unless one stumbles across it by accident, is as old Sherman said about war, and HE story is told of a well-known traveler who on one journey was much annoyed by a pedantic bore who forced himself upon aim and made a great parade of his his partner. The songs have ranged all

The traveler bore it as long as he could, and at length, looking at him the cubist rong. This latter is all gravely, said: "My friend, you and I know all that

square corners, of course, like the cubist is to be known." "How is that?" said the man, pleased Childhood Days," is the latest find of with what he thought a complimentary Messrs. Montgemery and Stone. This

"Why," said the traveler, "you know everything except that you are a fool, and I know that."-London Tit-Bits,

What's on the Program in Washington Today

Meetings, evenings: Masonic-Harmony, No. 1, special.
Royal Arch Masons, Grand Chapter school of instruction. Knights Tomplar, Washington, No. 1. St. John's Knights of Pythias-Mount Vernon, No. hights of Fylinas—18. installation; 5; Hermoine, No. 12, installation; Union, No. 22; Columbia, No. 25, in-stallation. Uniform Rank—Washington Company, No. 1, inspection and installation. Pythian Sisters Friend-ship Temple, No. 9.

ship Temple, No. v. dd Fellows-Eastern, No. 7; Harmony, No. 9, degree work; Federal City, No. m. degree work; Friendahip, No. 12, 20. degree work; Friendship, No. 12 business; Columbian, No. 1. installa-

National-"The Lady of the Slipper." Belasco-"Maria Rosa," 2:39 and 8:50

of the writers of popular songs do. I Columbia-"Old Reliable," 8:15 p. caugin him at breakfast that same Poli's-"The Dawn of a Tomorrow," mis

and 8:15 p. m. Academy - "The Wiripool," 8:15 p. m. "Then Were Childhood Days" to me.
I just grabbed them from blm and kept Cosmos-Vaudeville, continuous.